

# Navy Orders 34 ScanEagle UAVs for Partner Nations



A ScanEagle prepares for launch in Helmand, Afghanistan. The U.S. Navy has awarded a contract for 34 ScanEagles for four partner nations adjacent to the South China Sea. Lt. Charity Edgar

ARLINGTON,

Va. – The U.S. Navy has awarded a contract for 34 ScanEagle unmanned aerial vehicles for four partner nations adjacent to the South China Sea.

The Naval Air

Systems Command awarded a \$47.9 million contract on May 31 to Boeing's Insitu

in Bingen, Washington, for the UAVs as well as "spare payloads, spare and

repair parts, support equipment, tools, training, technical services and field

service representatives," according to a Defense Department announcement.

The UAVs will

be built for the governments of Malaysia (12 UAVs), Indonesia (8), the

Philippines (8) and Vietnam (6).

The ScanEagle

is a small Group 2 UAV that can be launched from a pneumatic rail launcher

ashore or from ship and recovered by a line that intercepts a hook on the wing

of the UAV. It can carry sensor payloads such as electro-optical imaging,

infrared imaging and millimeter wave radar. The UAV can stay

aloft for 18  
hours.

Deliveries are expected to  
be completed by March 2022.